



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor Bruce Flax, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Diane Barber, Joe de la Cruz, Greg Grim, Karen F. Morton, Bonnie Nault, Deb Peruzzotti, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2015-0293 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of November 4, 2015, November 17, 2015, and December 1, 2015 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2015-0282 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Donald and Kathleen Crowell - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Liberty Bank - \$8,885.24 - Social Services Discretionary

Albert and Janiss Rudolph - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Circle of Friends - \$200.00 - Library Renovations

Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Anonymous - \$3.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Robert Ashworth - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Cardinal Honda - \$300.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Barbara Frucht - \$150.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Matthew and Karen Morton - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Kathleen Neugent - \$25.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

2015-0294 Tax Refund

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX REFUND

WHEREAS, the following, for the reason indicated, has overpaid taxes in the amount specified, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the amount be refunded, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax refunds indicated below are hereby approved.

Hawthorne Machinery - \$2,757.92 - Excess Payments

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2015-0018	Fishtown Road Pump Station Rehabilitation/Effluent Pump Station Refurbishment Bond Ordinance	Referral
2015-0216	Creation of Town Poet Laureate Position	Referral
2015-0286	Trails Coordinating Task Force - Update/Term Extension	Referral
2015-0289	Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant	Referral
2015-0290	Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations Grant	Referral
2015-0291	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District	Referral
2015-0292	GMEA/CILU Collective Bargaining Agreement	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community Relations - Chairman de la Cruz**
- b. Finance - Chairman Frink**
- c. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Flax**
- d. Rules - Chairman Frink**
- e. Public Safety - Chairman Moravsik**
- f. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Schmidt**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2015-0286	Trails Coordinating Task Force - Update/Term Extension	Referral
------------------	---	-----------------

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE TRAILS COORDINATING TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2012, the Town Council authorized the formation of the Trails Coordinating Task Force consisting of 18 voting members and staffed by the Parks and Recreation Department, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has requested that its term be extended by three years to continue pursuing its objectives of assisting in the planning and development of trails; seeking funding for trail development; making recommendations regarding signage, markings and use policies; and serving as an educational and advocacy group for the use and expansion of the trail network, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council extends the term of the Trails Coordinating Task Force and its members to January 1, 2019.

Legislative History

12/1/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0289	Year Round Expanded DUI Enforcement Grant		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAY SAFETY 2016 DUI GRANT
WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police plans to utilize The Connecticut Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Safety 2015 DUI grant funding to support their DUI enforcement operations that go beyond normal police patrols, and

WHEREAS, the grant provides for a concerted year-round effort to enforce DUI laws and consists of both field sobriety checkpoints as well as vehicular detection patrols, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant is to increase law enforcement presence above and beyond normal police patrols in order to address the increased incidents of drinking and driving during the DUI grant period, running until September 30, 2015, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may apply for the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Safety 2015 DUI grant with an anticipated total state grant amount of \$64,500 including the Police Department soft match portion (25%) amount of \$16,125 as provided under the grant provisions.

Legislative History

12/1/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0290	Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations Grant		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC FLEET ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND PUBLIC WORKPLACE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) offers competitive funding for municipalities to purchase electric vehicles (EV) and/or to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations at municipal facilities, and

WHEREAS, the EV Connecticut program will reimburse 100% of the cost differential between a traditional vehicle and an electric vehicle up to \$15,000 and 100% of the cost to purchase and install electric charging stations up to \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the estimated \$800 annual cost of operating an electric vehicle represents a 60% cost savings, and

WHEREAS, Town staff recommends the purchase of one electric vehicle and installation of two charging stations to serve as a pilot project to enable actual cost savings over time, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his authorized representative to submit an application to the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for Public Fleet EV and Public Workplace EV Charging Station funding.

Legislative History

12/1/2015	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of th
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0291	Local Prevention Council Grant for Ledge Light Health District		Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL GRANT FOR THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Ledge Light Health District can apply for a Local Prevention Council grant in the amount of \$7,116, and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used by the Groton Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP) Coalition for programs designed to reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drugs in the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger to sign the Local Prevention Council Grant Application in the amount of \$7,116 for Ledge Light Health District.

Legislative History

12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0292	GMEA/CILU Collective Bargaining Agreement		Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND GROTON MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (GMEA)/UNITED ELECTRICAL LOCAL 222, CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT LABOR UNION LOCAL #86, INC., AFFILIATED WITH UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton and the Groton Municipal Employees Association/United Electrical Local 222, Connecticut Independent Labor Union Local 86, Inc., affiliated with United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the bargaining unit membership voted to approve the agreement, and

WHEREAS, approval is recommended by the Town's negotiators, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Groton Town Council hereby approves the agreement and the expenditure of funds necessary to implement the agreement between the Town and the Groton Municipal Employees Association/United Electrical Local 222, Connecticut Independent Labor Union Local 86, Inc.,

affiliated with United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Legislative History

12/8/2015	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2015-0296	Police Union Collective Bargaining Agreement		Referral

X. OTHER BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT